



## CITY OF FRISCO

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# Memorandum

**To:** Honorable Mayor Maso and the Frisco City Council

**Thru:** Nell Lange, Assistant City Manager  
Mack Borchardt, Fire Chief

**From:** Stacy Brown, Housing and Grant Administrator

**CC:** Paul Siebert, Assistant Fire Chief  
Ryan Wolford, Division Chief

**Date:** 12/10/2009

**Re:** Consider and Act upon approval of the submission of a Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) and authorize the City Manager to execute all related documents.

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**Action Requested:** Consider and Act on the submission of a Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant, Staff for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) in the amount of \$871,390 to fully fund six (6) fire fighters for a two (2) year period.

**Background Information:** The SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter organizations in order to help them increase the number of trained, "front-line" firefighters available in their communities.

The goal of this SAFER application is to enhance the Frisco Fire Department's abilities to maintain and/or achieve national standards for staffing, response and operations. Specifically, SAFER funds should assist local fire departments to increase their staffing and deployment capabilities in order to respond to emergencies in a safe and efficient manner. The intent of the City's use of this additional staffing will be to maintain the ability to assemble a sufficient number of personnel at the incident scene while reducing response times. This enhanced staffing will provide additional support to the long range goal of maintaining four personnel on each fire apparatus. In

general, the addition of these positions will provide for a safer, more efficient incident scene with the potential to reduce response times.

Staff is applying for funding of six (6) fire fighters positions including benefits for a period of two years. The City of Frisco's commitment will be to continue the six (6) position's for one (1) year after the grant for a total of \$422,542. The grant submission is due December 18, 2009 to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**Board Review/Citizen Input:** None.

**Financial Considerations:** The City of Frisco's commitment will be to continue the six (6) position's for one (1) year after the grant for a total of \$422,542.

**Supporting Documents:**

**Staff Recommendations:** Staff recommends approval of authorization to submit the grant and City Manager to execute all related documents. Thank you for your consideration of this item. Please contact Assistant Fire Chief Paul Siebert at (972) 292-6340 or [psiebert@friscotexas.gov](mailto:psiebert@friscotexas.gov) or myself at (972) 292-5114 or [sbrown@friscotexas.gov](mailto:sbrown@friscotexas.gov) if you have questions.